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SUMMARY: COLOMBIA, ARGENTINA, URUGUAY AND MEXICO PRESENTED DIVERSE VIEWS IN SEPTEMBER 20 MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE I OF OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE. END SUMMARY

1. COLOMBIAN DELEGATE (VALDERRAMA) ELABORATED BRIEFLY ON HIS COUNTRY'S WORKING DOCUMENT PRESENTED AT LIMA WHICH PROPOSES MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER II OF OAS CHARTER (THE PRINCIPLES THAT SHOULD GUIDE RELATION-SHIPS WITHIN INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM). COLOMBIA SPOKE OF COMPABILITY OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY WITH INCORPORATION IN ANY REVISED OAS CHARTER OF "PLURALITY OF IDEOLOGIES", THE RUBRIC COVERING POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY OF THE HEMISPHERE. IN AN ASIDE VALDERRAMA NOTED COLOMBIA WOULD NOT INSIST ON MAINTENANCE OF WORD "REPRESENTATIVE" IN FORMULATION ON DEMOCRACY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 2. ARGENTINA (QUIJANO) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT GAVE "ALMOST TOTAL" SUPPORT TO PERUVIAN PROPOSALS FOR WIDE-SCALE REFORM BUT IMPLIED ARGENTINA HAD SOME DIFFERENCES WITH PERU. HIS MILD REMARKS DID CONTAIN ONE OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO U.S. WHEN HE ASKED WHETHER ONE MEMBER NATION WHICH HAD DEMONSTRATED SUCH GREAT INTEREST IN "HEALTH" OF OAS IN PAST COULD BE COUNTED ON IN "FUTURE EMERGENCY".
- 3. URUGUAY (MARQUES SERE) EXPRESSED NOTE OF CAUTION WITH REGARD TO REFORM EFFORTS, POINTING TO CERTAIN REALITIES, E.G., U.S. INTERESTS VS. THOSE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND DIFFERING INTERESTAMONG LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS THEMSELVES. REFORMED OAS MUST RETAIN ITS OWN CHARACTERISTIC, REFLECTING REALITIES OF REGION. HE CALLED PLURALITY OF IDEOLOGIES A LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE (BUT NOT A "PURPOSE" OF SYSTEM) OF PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION. PLURALITY WAS COMPATIBLE WITH REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY. HE REAFFIRMED URUGUAY'S SUPPORT OF RIO TREATY'S DETERRENCE OF EXTRACONTINENTAL AGGRESSION AND CALLED FOR REFORM OF INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM WHICH WOULD HELP BRING LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES BOTH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SECURITY.
- 4. MEXICO (DE LA COLINA) GAVE A CLEVER AND WELL RESEARCHED DEFENSE OF THE TERM "IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM" WHICH MEXICO ESPOUSES AS THE CORRECT RUBRIC FOR DESCRIBING THE DIVERSITY OF POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND PHILOSOPHIES IN THE HEMISPHERE. DE LA COLINA CITED QUOTATIONS FROM A NUMBER OF WORKS, INCLUDING SOCIOLOGICAL TREATISES, THE WRITINGS OF MAX LERNER AND OF DR. KISSINGER. RUSH

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